

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2003-2004 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 1 and 2

Output Group: 1.2 Assistance for individuals including those with special needs and
2.5 Assistance for post school students including those with special needs

DEST Question No. E689_04

Senator Stott Despoja asked on 17 November 2003

Question:

Can you also explain why the Parliamentary Library, when it recently asked DEST for the latest ABSTUDY figures was told that Ministerial clearance was required before the Department could supply such public information?

Answer:

Request for ABSTUDY data

The original request suggested that the request was for unpublished data. It was subsequently established that the required information was available and the Parliamentary Library was provided with the information as detailed on pages 26 and 49 of the Annual Report.